



# Lowell City Council Senior Citizens SC Meeting Minutes

Michael Q. Geary City Clerk

**Date:** March 12, 2019

*Time:* 5:30 PM

**Location:** City Council Chamber

375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

### PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Mercier, C. Leahy and C. Nuon. Also present were Diane Tradd (DPD); Kerran Vigroux (HHS); Eric Slagle (Insp. Services); C. Conway; C. Cirillo; and C. Elliott.

#### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chairman Mercier called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM in the Council Chamber.

#### **ORDER OF BUSINES:**

C. Mercier noted the motion of C. Cirillo and commented the departments input regarding review of Boston action plan for improving life of aging citizens. C. Cirillo commented on the Boston plan how it could be adapted to fill the needs of Lowell. C. Cirillo noted elderly should be engaged in the process so to get proper insights into their needs. C. Mercier commented on the Boston plan and outlined areas to review and improve if needed; areas included housing, accessibility, open space/parks and health services. C. Nuon commented on current efforts of the City but noted there is always more to do and process can be done over time. Ms. Vigroux provided summary of Boston plan as noted in memo dated March 12, 2019 provided to the subcommittee. Ms. Vigroux commented on background, input of World Health Organization, five year process, use of survey and listening sessions to assess needs, action plan and development of eight domains. C. Mercier questioned the use of surveys. C. Conway noted the need to bring in all partners to the table in order to succeed and maximize resources. C. Elliott commented it was good to revisit services for the elderly. Ms. Tradd commented on the comprehensive plan. Mr. Slagle commented on current efforts by the City to implement an ADA Transition Plan for municipal buildings noted it would be partially funded by grants. C. Cirillo noted the need for departments and community to work together. C. Nuon noted work together to establish domains. Motion to adopt recommendation to have Emily Shea to present to the subcommittee regarding process used in Boston and to establish domains as part

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of the process by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Leahy. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas. So voted. C. Elliott requested information regarding housing and private funding. C. Cirillo recognized efforts of the departments.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Leahy. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM

Michael Geary, City Clerk